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CONSTRUCTION IS PROCEEDING AT RAPID PACE

MATERIAL HAS ALL ARRIVED
OR HAS BEEN SHIPPED FOR
THE GYMNASIUM.

No More Delays Are Now Expected

The delays to which the construction work of the new \$100,000 gymnasium-auditorium at Alma College has been subjected to because of the difficulties in securing materials are now believed to have been entirely done away with and it is expected that the work from now on will proceed with rapidity.

The concrete work for the new structure has been all completed, except for the laying of the floors of the building and the work of laying brick is well under way. The brick that will be needed for the work has all been received or has been shipped so that there will be no material delays in this respect.

The brick for the exterior finish of the walls is a dark red and in the laying of the brick the Flemish bond binding is being used. The binding brick of the Flemish bond is of a slightly darker red than the other brick. A red mortar is being used with the exterior brick work. The interior brick is a yellow-brown in color, with which a yellow mortar is being used.

All of the piping in the structure has been finished, except of course for the installation of the fixtures, which will not be done until the building is nearly completed. As soon as the building is enclosed the piping for both heat and water will be connected up.

All of the steel frame work that is needed for the structure has either arrived or has been shipped and as a result there will be no delays from this source in the construction work, which is now going forward rapidly. Before snow flies it is anticipated that the entire structure will be enclosed and that there will be no serious delay of any kind because of cold weather.

ST. LOUIS WELL CASE IS DECIDED

SUPREME COURT HAS RULED
ON CASE THAT HAS HELD A
WIDE INTEREST.

The case of Fred H. Bernard et al., the proprietors of the Park Hotel and Sanitarium in St. Louis vs. the City of St. Louis, regarding alleged damage to the hotel well through pumping water by the city from new wells which it had caused to be sunk, has been ruled upon favorably to the hotel company by the Supreme Court.

The case had attracted a wide interest in Circuit Court, where the hotel management won the first ground, and considerable comment has been made in regard to it through the state.

It was then appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, where the decision was handed down. The decision was written by Justice Moore.

The court held that the plaintiffs were entitled to injunctive relief in a court of equity; that they were not estopped by reason of laches, delay, acquiescence or by their other conduct from claiming such injunctive relief; that they were entitled by reason of their purchase of the Andrews well through the pipe line to the Park Hotel and Sanitarium; and that the City of St. Louis had no paramount right in the premises, on account of being a municipal corporation, but that its water works system was operated in its private capacity, and its rights similar to the rights of a private individual. And the court further held that the defendant city should be restrained so as not to interfere with an adequate supply of water, for the plaintiffs reasonable use, and that plaintiffs be "compensated for any damage they may sustain by reason of having to install pumping machinery or other appliances."

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McGaw Spoke Here Tuesday

Dr. James S. McGaw, general secretary of the National Reform Association spent Tuesday in Alma. Dr. McGaw is visiting Michigan Cities with the hopes of seeing legislation enacted in the state which will make the Bible a part of the curriculum of the public school.

Dr. McGaw spoke three times on Tuesday. His closing lecture was delivered before a representative audience at E. Superior Christian church in the evening.

Dr. McGaw is a big man physically and intellectually. He is the outstanding speaker of his organization. The object of this organization is to Christianize the institutional life of our country—to carry the teachings and principles of the Christian religion into its entire social fabric.

The visitor insisted that inasmuch as the Supreme Court explicitly declared in 1892 "This is a Christian Nation", the nation in its schools should familiarize its young with what is Christian in its own life and character; for example the nature and character of the oath, with its solemn appeal to God as one shall answer at the last day, which is required of witnesses, jurors and public officials generally. This it was insisted is essential to desirable citizenship in a Christian country.

Dr. McGaw has an inborn talent for public speaking. He links great principles with passing events and links both with sufficient Irish wit and enthusiasm to inspire his hearers with his own faith and sincerity.

CHURCH TO HOLD A HOME COMING

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WILL HOLD
HOME COMING SERVICE
NEXT SUNDAY.

Three years ago the corner stone of the East Superior Christian Church was laid and the church and its friends are asked to commemorate the event with an all day meeting this coming Sunday. A basket dinner will be served at noon and everyone is urged to bring baskets and stay all day for the full program.

An elaborate program is being planned. At the Bible School session special music will be rendered by Mr. Roy Boyles of St. Louis and by the Stalter Kid Band of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Richard Anderson Alma poet, will be present and render original and other readings.

The morning sermon will be delivered by the pastor of the church, Rev. H. H. Anderson, whose theme will be "Salvation by Faith and Works." Miss Fromida Young will be the soloist at the morning hour. At 12:15 and continuing until dinner the Stalter band will give a concert.

At 2:30 a unique program will be presented. None but lay members will be heard. Members of the Alma congregation will conduct a symposium on the subject, "The Church Beautiful." The balance of the program follows:

Music by Coe Male Quartet, The Physical Appointments of the Church—Russell Wilson, Alma College, The Missionary Man—William Acker of St. Louis. Music by Stalter band. What the Church may expect from a Minister—Benton Loomis of Gilmore. What the Church may expect from a minister's wife—Mrs. Nellie Fowler of Coe. Readings—Richard Anderson. Music—Leon R. and Margaret May.

Lunch will be served at 5:00 o'clock and will be followed by the Christian Endeavor meeting.

The evening service will be addressed by Rev. Kimberling and others of the visiting clergymen. Special music will be rendered by the choir and by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young.

ARCADA FARMERS CLUB FAIR

The annual fair of the Arcada Farmers Club will be held at the next meeting to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hanford, on October 19, and promises to be unusual in its interest. Members are requested to bring their best fancy work, baked goods, dairy products and all kinds of vegetables and grain. Cash prizes go with the blue ribbons. Dinner served at noon and ladies are requested to bring dishes.

The program follows: Song, No. 2 by Club. Prayer. Song, No. 41 by Club. Address of welcome, by Mrs. Hanford. Order of Business. Special Reading, Mrs. Proud, Music, Mrs. Hanford. Discussion, Best Ground for Wheat, led by George Irish. Reading, Mrs. John Fink. Question Box. Song No. 63 by Club. Social Hour.

NOTICE
We would like to secure three copies of The Alma Record for Sept. 14th.

PROGRAM OF THE LYCEUM COURSE IS ATTRACTIVE

STRONG ATTRACTIONS AGAIN
OFFERED BY THE LYCEUM
COMMITTEE.

"The Bubble" Will Be Big Feature

The Alma Chautauqua-Lyceum Committee has made announcement of the lyceum course for the coming winter season and it is giving promise of being one of the best attractions that has been offered in several years during the winter season.

Instead of five numbers as is usually the case on the Lyceum Course, six numbers are being offered this year. Two of the numbers, one early in the course, and one the final number, are to be local concerts, which will give Alma people an opportunity to compare the work that can be done by local artists and their aids with those who are brought here on the platform.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell will present the first number to the lyceum course on November 8. Bishop McConnell presents the lecture "The Problem of Mexico," and other timely topics. His lecture of Mexico is from knowledge that is secured at first hand in our neighbor to the south. He is bishop of the Methodist Church in charge of Mexico, and a lecture by him on this subject is sure to be enlightening and interesting.

The second number on the course, a concert by local talent, will be presented on January 19. Full announcement of this concert and the final concert of the course probably will be made within the next two weeks.

The Harp Ensemble Company will furnish the third attraction on the course on February 5. This company is a quintet which for peculiar beauty of orchestration has seldom been equaled by any five artist company. Three harps, a cello and a violin are used by the members of the company.

On March 2, Maude Willis, a reader of plays, will present the fourth attraction. She selects for the repertoire plays which she knows not only will please and captivate her audiences but also will be an inspiration for better and larger living. In the exacting work of reproducing plays she has set a high standard of achievement.

"The Bubble," Edward Locke's appealing play of dialect, humor and pathos, the fifth number on the course, appears in Alma March 23, and is certain to be warmly greeted by the audience. "The Bubble" is a three act play that combines all of the qualities so necessary in a successful comedy. It is superbly acted by a company organized and coached by William Keighley of the New York City Producing Department of the Redpath Bureau.

The sixth and final number, a local concert of more than passing merit will be given on April 20.

Season tickets for the lyceum course are expected to be put on sale within a very short time so that everyone will have the opportunity to secure them before the opening number by Bishop McConnell. Announcement of the Ticket sale will probably be made within another week.

The lecture by Bishop McConnell as was the case with the numbers on the course last year, will be given in the High School auditorium.

Stanton's Health Official is Fired

Following investigation of a diphtheria epidemic at Stanton, Montcalm county by Health Commissioner R. M. Olin, of Michigan the local health officer there, has been removed from office, Dr. Olin announced Friday.

The epidemic which began about 10 days ago, spread until 18 cases were reported today. Dr. Olin ordered the school closed and directed that all pupils be required to receive immunization treatment before being admitted when the school is re-opened Monday.

"There is no excuse for diphtheria epidemics in Michigan," Dr. Olin declared today. "Diphtheria antitoxin is a sure preventative and a positive cure if administered in the early stages of the disease. The failure of the local health officer to recognize the epidemic of throat trouble promptly as diphtheria has resulted in one death and may result in others."

Serious situations are said to have developed in Tecumseh and other small communities in the state. These are being investigated by the health department.

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Alma Young Man In New Law Firm

On October 1st 1922 a new law firm was organized in Ithaca, under the firm name of Mathews & Montigel.

This firm is made up of John T. Mathews, who has lived and practiced law in Ithaca more than thirty-six years, and Mr. Kenneth B. Montigel, whose home all of his life has been in Alma, he being a son of J. M. Montigel of Alma. Mr. Montigel is a young man recently graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan.

The firm is already occupying the suite of rooms in the Switzer Block heretofore occupied by Mr. Mathews and Judge Stone. Mr. Montigel having purchased the furniture and entire library of Judge Stone.

NOMINATION FIGHT ENDED

VINCENT WINNER WHEN COURT
REJECTS PETITION FOR
MANDAMUS.

The decision on Friday of the Michigan Supreme Court on the application of William M. Smith for a writ of mandamus to compel the Saginaw County Board of Canvassers to recount certain precincts in that county took away the last possibility of the St. Johns man to upset the apparent victory of Bird J. Vincent of Saginaw in the Eighth District congressional nomination fight at the primary, and made absolutely certain that Vincent was the nominee.

The Supreme Court was unanimous in its verdict on the application for the writ.

In denying the application for the writ the court held that the provisions of the 1921 primary law are mandatory as they pertain to the sealing of the ballot boxes with the metallic self-sealing device, which is furnished with the election supplies, and as they pertain to the endorsement on the packages or rolls of ballots after they have been counted by the inspectors of election, and then placed in the ballot boxes. The law provides for the endorsement of the packages or rolls as to kind and number of ballots contained in each package.

In its decision upon the legal questions involved the court held with the Saginaw Board of Canvassers, who refused to recount certain precincts in that county, due to the fact that in some precincts the ballot boxes were not properly sealed and in a few others because the packages or rolls of ballots in the boxes were not endorsed by the inspectors of election as the law sets forth.

The decision of the court thus makes Bird J. Vincent the nominee of the Republicans of the Eighth Congressional District by a plurality of 191 votes.

In the various counties, which comprise the district during the recount Vincent gained slightly in the total number of votes during the recount, these gains coming in counties other than Saginaw. In Saginaw county through clerical errors nominee lost ten votes during the recount. Prior to the recount it seemed that Vincent was the nominee by a plurality of about 120 votes. Vincent's biggest gain came in Shiawassee county. In Montcalm and Ionia counties he gained a very few votes, and in Clinton county Smith made a gain of a single vote.

The case before the Supreme Court was entirely based on the construction of the law.

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Roderick White To Appear Here

Roderick White, in violin recital will appear in the Alma College chapel Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at 8:15 o'clock.

Roderick White has been a pupil of Caesar Thompson of Brussels and Leopold Auer of Petrograd, after preliminary work done in America. He made his debut with the Philharmonic Orchestra in Berlin in 1913, and toured the large musical centers of Germany and Austria. His New York debut occurred in 1915, and since that time he has appeared in practically all of the cities of the United States, including joint recitals with Alice Nielsen, John McCormick and David Bispham. He played at the Beethoven Festival at San Francisco.

Roderick White is our own artist and stands today as a representative of American achievement in music. The Evening Globe says concerning his New York debut: "Mr. White comes back to his home with all the equipment of a great violinist—perfect technique, an absolutely true intonation and interpretative talent of the highest violinistic quality. He also has temperament and tone color."

Admission 75 cents.

SEVERAL DEATHS IN THE VICINITY THIS PAST WEEK

GRIM REAPER HAS BEEN ACTIVE
IN THIS PART OF THE
COUNTY.

Well Known Alma People Are Dead

During the past several days well known residents of this part of Gratiot county have passed away, among them Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. Allie E. Dunn, Willis Crowmover, a Civil War veteran, Charles Breese, Andrew Naffinger and others.

Mrs. B. F. Smith
The funeral of Mrs. B. F. Smith, who passed away at her home here on Tuesday, October 3, was held from the late home on Friday, Rev. Gelston officiating. Pallbearers at the funeral were all members of the family. The body was placed in the mausoleum at Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. B. F. Smith was one of the well known women of Gratiot, and with her husband had been a resident of this city for the past five years, coming here from Crystal where they had lived for over 30 years.

Thirty-four years ago Mr. and Mrs. Smith purchased the island at Crystal and first opened up the lake as a resort. Thirty years ago they built the Lakeside House there, which they conducted until five years ago when they moved to this city.

Mrs. Smith had been a member of the O. E. S. and the Macabees, and while living at Crystal for 19 out of 20 years she was the Lady Commander of Lake Hive there.

She was born in Nelson, Ohio, and later went to Stockton, Kansas, where she was united in marriage to B. F. Smith in 1879. Shortly after they returned to Ohio and then moved to Crystal, Michigan.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, by four children, Mrs. G. V. Wright, Dr. Rayburn B. Smith, Mrs. Charles Daugherty, all of this city and Mrs. Lewis of Saginaw; and by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. J. W. Root of Garretttsville, Ohio, Mrs. A. M. Bright of Warren, Ohio, and John Quincy Adams of Stockton, Kansas.

Mrs. Smith had a stroke several years ago and since that time had been in poor health, but her death was entirely unexpected and came as a big shock to her relatives and her many friends.

Willis Crowmover
Willis Crowmover, aged 76 years, a veteran of the Civil War, died in the University Hospital at Ann Arbor Saturday, where he had gone for treatment.

He was born in Oakland county, April 18, 1846. At the age of 29 he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Irving, to which union five children were born, three boys and two girls, of whom four, Willis H., Ernest M., Royal T., and Cora A. Martin, are surviving.

During the Civil War he served in Company B 10th Michigan Volunteer Infantry and after the war followed his trade as a carpenter.

His body was brought to Alma and on Monday afternoon funeral services were held at the Salvation Army hall. The body was taken to Vestaburg for burial.

Mrs. Allie E. Dunn, aged 51 years, the wife of J. R. Dunn, died at her home at 421 Hannah avenue, on Thursday, October 5. The funeral services were held on Saturday from the home, Rev. M. W. Duffey of the M. E. church officiating. The body was taken to Crystal for interment.

Margaret Downs
Margaret, the eleven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Downs of Sumner township, died at Brainerd hospital, where she had been taken for treatment. The funeral services were held from the home in Sumner township on Tuesday and interment was made at Vestaburg.

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PAVING WORK PROGRESSING
The paving work on Pine avenue is progressing as rapidly as possible in view of the weather conditions of the week. The curb and gutter on both sides of the street has been completed for a block and a half and as soon as the weather becomes slightly more favorable the laying of the pavement will be started.

Nothing has yet been done in the first half block north from Superior street, this work being held up pending the arrival of the steel work for bridging over the race where it cuts into Pine street at this point. As quickly as the steel arrives this work will be rushed as rapidly as possible with the expectation that it can be entirely completed before freezing weather sets in.

Religious Census Taken on Sunday

Last Sunday afternoon the Alma Federation of Churches conducted a religious census of the city which produced some very interesting information.

The work was done by two hundred and three volunteer workers selected from the churches. Their work was directed by the committee consisting of the local ministers and one lay member from each church. The city had previously been divided into five divisions. These divisions were subdivided so that each pair of visitors called on twenty families. The workers completed the task by six o'clock.

In all 2464 cards were returned. These cards gave the following information. The number of vacant houses in Alma. The number of families who were not at home on Sunday afternoon. The church membership and preferences of 1976 families.

The general information is in the hands of the Council of Federated Churches and the detailed report is the property of the interested churches.

The work was so completely planned and carefully executed that not a single case of overlapping has been reported. Much credit for this must be given to the laymen who planned the work and acted as leaders in the various sections of the city. The Federation wishes to thank the citizens for their very cordial co-operation both those who acted as canvassers and those who so graciously assisted by giving the required information.

TOWNSEND TO TOUR GRATIOT

MICHIGAN'S SENIOR SENATOR
IS TO SPEAK IN ITHACA, ST.
LOUIS AND ALMA.

United States Senator Charles E. Townsend, who is seeking re-election in November, will make a tour of Gratiot county on Thursday, Oct. 19, and will speak in St. Louis, Ithaca and Alma, possibly in one or two other towns of the county, this depending upon how early he is able to get into the county on that day.

The meetings in St. Louis and Ithaca will be held during the day, the one in St. Louis during the afternoon. The county committee is endeavoring to make arrangements for the use of the theater for the meetings.

The Alma meeting will be held in the evening in the high school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock, and promises to be a big affair.

An attempt is being made to secure other speakers for the tour of the county, but the committee is as yet unable to announce who they will be. Arrangements have been made so that it is certain that the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce band will make the tour of Gratiot with the speakers. It is expected that all of the Republican county candidates will also visit each of the cities and towns with Senator Townsend during the day.

Michigan is one of the recognized powerful states in congress made so by strong representation from the state by men of many years of experience, both Senator Townsend and Congressman Fordney of the Eighth District, who retires next March, holding places on the most important committees in congress. With Congressman Fordney retiring Michigan cannot afford to place in the senate a new man, who, however able he might be, would require years in Washington before he could begin to approach Senator Townsend in influence in our national life. The big questions that are now confronting the United States in its relation to the world demand that experienced men be in Washington insofar as is possible. Some of these questions will be opened up in Senator Townsend's addresses in Gratiot county and the people should make it a point to hear him.

Hand bills will later announce all of the speakers and the time for the meetings in the various communities in the county, aside from Alma. Watch for them.

FLOWERS AT CEMETERY
Those having flowers on their lots at the cemetery are advised by the cemetery board to secure them before the weather becomes such that they are killed by the frost, if it is desired to remove them.

HAIRLINE AUCTION SALE
C. F. Hairline is planning on retiring from the dairy business because of ill health and is planning on an auction sale of his cows and some horses and also his milking machine, etc. His auction sale will start at 1:00 p. m. October 16 and will be in charge of J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

ROAD MEETING HELD IN ALMA FRIDAY NIGHT

BOOSTED PROPOSED PAVEMENT
ON M-46 EAST FROM ALMA
TO COUNTY LINE.

Expect Supervisors To Favor the Matter

Last Friday evening one of the most successful road meetings ever held in the county was held at the city hall in Alma and had for its object the boosting of the proposed paved road east from Alma on the Saginaw road, M -46, to the county line, to connect with the proposed paving on the state trunk line west from Saginaw. In particular it had for its object the securing of pavement on the road for the 5½ miles between St. Louis and Breckenridge during 1923.

The meeting was called by interested people in Alma, although others in St. Louis and Breckenridge and the northeastern townships were active in its promotion.

Mayor Charles R. Murphy opened the meeting, which was well attended by road boosters from the three towns and by a number of the supervisors of the county, stating the purpose for which the meeting had been called. He impressed upon the audience the need that there is for a paved road east from Alma on M-46 because of the intense traffic which makes a gravel road too costly to maintain. He then called upon Willard M. Bryant, field secretary of the Michigan Good Roads Association.

Mr. Bryant called attention to the big "mud" tax that Michigan is being forced to pay each year because of poor roads, which increase greatly the cost of travel and the cost of putting farm produce on the markets. He called attention to the strong probability of the sea canal for the St. Lawrence waterway and the advantage that a fine highway into Saginaw, a coming ocean port in this case, would give to farmers and others in such a case because of the increasing benefits that it would confer to the agricultural regions. He also spoke of the intense traffic on M-46.

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STATE DISTRICT NURSES NAMED

HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLANS
ON PERMANENT HEALTH
CENTERS.

The slogan, "Fifty permanent mother and baby health centers by July 1, 1923," adopted at the meeting of representatives of women's organizations held here in July is shaping itself into a truism. Under the direction of Blanche M. Haines, M. D., director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing of the state department of health, the work has been progressing rapidly and indications are that the state will be dotted with mother and baby centers before the set time arrives.

District nurses, one of whose important duties will be to assist in organizing permanent centers were named today by Dr. R. M. Olin, state health commissioner. The districts and nurses are as follows: Upper Peninsula, Jennie Knevels, R. N., headquarters at Marquette; Northern district, Charlotte Ludington, R. N., headquarters at Onaway; Central district, Mrs. Helen de Spelder Moore, R. N., headquarters at Grand Rapids; Southeastern district, Alice E. Hull, R. N., headquarters at Lansing; Southwestern district, Bessie M. Crandall, R. N., headquarters at Battle Creek.

In addition to assisting in the establishing of mother and baby health centers the district nurses will have advisory supervision of baby conferences, and all public health nursing. They will also cooperate with local groups in arranging for state health department institutes.

Intensive organizing for the health centers will be started next week when Mrs. Alta N. Fulcher of Detroit takes up her new work as organizer for the Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing. Mrs. Fulcher is well known throughout the state as a club worker and organizer.

Come to the box social and program at the Morse School two miles south and one-fourth mile west of Alma sugar beet factory, Thursday night, October 19th, at eight o'clock. Edith Burgess, teacher.